

House Bill 4157

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Authorizes Oregon Business Development Department to award matching grants to membership organizations and business accelerators in outdoor gear and apparel industry.
Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the outdoor gear and apparel industry; creating new provisions; amending ORS 285B.290;
3 and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

SECTION 1. As used in this section and section 2 of this 2020 Act:

6 (1) **“Business accelerator” means a company:**

7 (a) **Operating principally in this state;**

8 (b) **With demonstrated success in operating educational programs in which outdoor gear
9 and apparel industry veterans mentor cohorts of founders of emerging outdoor gear and ap-
10 parel industry companies located in this state;**

11 (c) **Whose purpose is to help incubate and accelerate the growth of emerging companies;
12 and**

13 (d) **That is certified by the Oregon Business Development Department for purposes of the
14 Oregon Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund program.**

15 (2) **“Membership organization” means a nonprofit organization:**

16 (a) **Operating principally in this state;**

17 (b) **Consisting of member businesses from the outdoor gear and apparel industry whose
18 principal place of business is in this state; and**

19 (c) **That has the purpose of growing the outdoor gear and apparel industry at the state
20 or regional level.**

21 (3) **“Outdoor gear and apparel industry” means all traded sector businesses that manu-
22 facture gear and apparel for use in outdoor recreation.**

23 (4) **“Outdoor recreation” means activities undertaken for pleasure outdoors in natural
24 environments.**

25 (5) **“Traded sector” has the meaning given that term in ORS 285B.280.**

26 **SECTION 2. (1)(a) The Oregon Business Development Department may award matching
27 grants to membership organizations and business accelerators in accordance with this sec-
28 tion.**

29 (b) **Matching grants awarded under this section must be used by the receiving member-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **ship organizations and business accelerators for the purposes of program development, pro-**
 2 **gram execution, business education, business mentoring, business advising, business plan**
 3 **development, regional outreach around this state, exposure opportunities and technical as-**
 4 **sistance in the outdoor gear and apparel industry.**

5 **(2)(a) The department shall provide public notice whenever there are funds available for**
 6 **matching grants under this section.**

7 **(b) The notice must include information about the requirements for eligibility and the**
 8 **application process for the matching grants.**

9 **(3)(a) A membership organization or business accelerator seeking a matching grant un-**
 10 **der this section must file with the department an application in accordance with rules**
 11 **adopted by the department pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection. The information**
 12 **included with the application must demonstrate that the applicant is a membership orga-**
 13 **nization or business accelerator.**

14 **(b) The department may charge an application fee in an amount that does not exceed the**
 15 **actual costs incurred by the department in processing applications filed pursuant to this**
 16 **section.**

17 **(c) The department shall adopt rules that establish the application process for matching**
 18 **grants awarded under this section.**

19 **(4) The department may not pay the amount of a matching grant to a membership or-**
 20 **ganization or business accelerator unless the recipient has entered into a grant agreement**
 21 **with the department that establishes the deliverables required from, and other goals to be**
 22 **met by, the recipient.**

23 **SECTION 3. There is allocated for the year beginning July 1, 2020, from the Administra-**
 24 **tive Services Economic Development Fund, to the Oregon Business Development Depart-**
 25 **ment, the amount of \$250,000, for deposit in the Industry Competitiveness Fund established**
 26 **under ORS 285B.290, for the purpose of awarding matching grants under section 2 of this 2020**
 27 **Act.**

28 **SECTION 4. ORS 285B.290 is amended to read:**

29 **285B.290. (1) The Industry Competitiveness Fund is established in the State Treasury, separate**
 30 **and distinct from the General Fund.**

31 **(2) The Industry Competitiveness Fund shall consist of all moneys credited to the fund, including**
 32 **moneys from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund. Interest earned by the In-**
 33 **dustry Competitiveness Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

34 **(3)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, moneys in the fund are con-**
 35 **tinuously appropriated to the Oregon Business Development Department to provide funds for activ-**
 36 **ities outlined in ORS 285B.286.**

37 **(b) Moneys in the fund that are deposited or otherwise credited to the fund for the pur-**
 38 **pose of awarding grants under section 2 of this 2020 Act are allocated to the department for**
 39 **such purpose and may not be used for any other purpose.**

40 **SECTION 5. No later than December 31, 2020, the Oregon Business Development De-**
 41 **partment shall submit, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, a report that sets forth the**
 42 **investments made pursuant to section 2 of this 2020 Act to the interim committees of the**
 43 **Legislative Assembly related to economic development.**

44 **SECTION 6. This 2020 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2020**
 45 **regular session of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

